

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1, 11, and 18 are in independent form. Claims 28-30 were previously cancelled. Claims 18, 19, 20, and 21 are amended in this reply. No new matter is added. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are allowed. Claims 18-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 18, 19, 20, and 21 are amended to adopt the Examiner's suggestions to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101.

As amended, claim 18 recites, "An article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions, the instructions causing a computer to: communicate with a first network via a first wireless communication link in a first communication mode; receive encrypted data from the first network; decrypt the encrypted data to form unencrypted data; detect that the unencrypted data is intended to be communicated to a second network; store the unencrypted data; switch to a second communication mode after the unencrypted_data is stored; and transmit the unencrypted data to the second network via a second communication link in the second communication mode." (Emphasis added).

As suggested in the Office Action, the recitation "machine," in claim 18, is replaced with "computer." Accordingly, claim 18 is patentable. Claims 19-27 are also patentable at least for the same reasons and the additional recitations that they contain. For example, the recitation "machine," in claims 19, 20, and 21, is also replaced with "computer." Accordingly, claims 19, 20, and 21 are also patentable. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 18 and the claims dependent therefrom be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Each of the dependent claims is also believed to define patentable features of the invention. Each dependent claim partakes of the novelty of its corresponding independent claim and, as such, has not been discussed specifically herein.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any

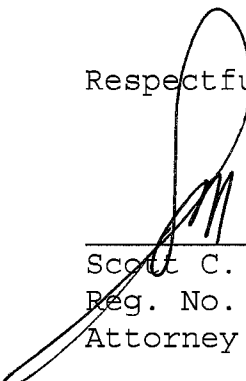
claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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